

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A press to straighten the entire length of solid axles of model cars by hammer blows, comprising:

two jaws, each jaw having a generally rectangular shape, a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, a mating surface, a centered half channel upon the lateral axis of said mating surface, the diameter of said half channel being less than ~~one tenth~~ the thickness of said jaw, one dowel extending perpendicular to said mating surface on one side of said half channel, one hole extending perpendicular and into said mating surface on the other side of said half channel from said dowel, whereby, said dowel of one said jaw aligns with said hole of the other said jaw, said two jaws close together, and said half channels cooperate to confine an axle.

11. (previously presented) The press of claim 10 wherein said dowel has a generally cylindrical shape with a rounded end opposite said mating surface and said hole has a generally cylindrical shape to receive said dowel, and said dowel and said hole of one said jaw have a symmetric arrangement along the longitudinal axis of said mating surface with said dowel and said hole equally spaced away from said half channel.

12-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of straightening the an entire length of a solid axle for a model car by a child and a sponsor, the steps comprising:

- ~~1) cleaning said axle with sandpaper;~~
- ~~2) marking the head of said axle to track rotation of said axle;~~
- 3) assembling one jaw into the second jaw of a press;
- 4) inserting one or more dowels from one jaw into the corresponding one or more holes of the other jaw and closing the jaws

together;

5) placing said axle into the channel formed between said jaws of said press;

6) locating said press upon a solid surface and applying percussion to said press by striking a jaw of said press repeatedly with a hammer;

7) partially rotating said axle at least twice and repeating placement and hammering of the press;

8) striking the head of said axle to square said head to said axle; and,

9) removing said axle from said press and polishing said axle as desired.

16. (canceled)

17. (new) A press to straighten the entire length of axles of model cars by hammer blows, comprising:

two mutually cooperating jaws,

each of said jaws having a generally rectangular shape, a longitudinal axis and a lateral axis perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, a mating surface, a centered half channel upon the lateral axis of said mating surface, the diameter of said half channel being less than the thickness of said jaw,

one dowel extending perpendicular out of said mating surface centered on one side of said half channel and having a generally cylindrical shape with a rounded end opposite said mating surface, and,

one hole extending perpendicular into said mating surface centered on the other side of said half channel from said dowel and having a symmetric arrangement along the longitudinal axis of said mating surface with said dowel and said hole spaced away from said half channel opposite said dowel;

whereby, said dowel of one said jaw aligns with said hole of the other said jaw, said two jaws close together, and said half channels cooperate to confine an axle.